

January 14, 2024

# **GOD INVITES US**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the

ends of the earth.

**All:** He does not grow tired or weary, and his understanding is unsearchable.

**Leader:** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired

and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

All: But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; They will soar on wings like

eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Taken from Isaiah 40 (NIV)

## Songs: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth For the glory of the skies For the love which form our birth Over and around us lies

Lord of all to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night Hill and vale and tree and flower Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of human love Brother, sister, parent, child Friends on earth and friends above For all gentle thoughts and mild

For thy Church that evermore LiBeth holy hands above Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love

### **GREAT IN POWER**

Praise him you heavens and all that's above Praise him you angels and heavenly hosts Let the whole earth praise him

Praise Him the sun, moon and bright shining stars Praise him you heavens and waters and skies Let the whole earth praise him

Great in power, great in glory Great in mercy, King of heaven

Great in balle, great in wonder Great in Zion, King over all the Earth

# Prayer of Adoration: Pastor Abe Cho

# Song:MADE ME GLAD

**Verse 1:** I will bless the Lord forever. I will trust him at all times. He has delivered me from all fear. He has set my feet upon a rock. I will not be moved. And I'll say of the Lord.

**Chorus:** You are my shield, my strength, my portion, deliverer. My shelter, strong tower, my very present help in time of need.

**Verse 2:** Whom have I in heaven but you? There's none I desire besides you. You have made me glad. And I'll say of the Lord.

# **Prayers of the People: Pastor Abe Cho**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom and power, and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**GREETING:** (If you're able, head over to the group chat feature to greet one another)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Abe Cho**

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RALLY: On Monday, January 15, in partnership with Pray March Act—an organization with which Pastor Justin works closely—we will be gathering in Central Harlem with others from churches across the city to pray, meditate on excerpts from Dr. King's letter, and consider his prophetic words to our context. It will be a time of singing and prayer together. Join us! When: 11 AM on Monday, January 15 Where: The Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building (163 W 125th St.) You can let us know you are coming by registering (This is not required, but helpful for planning)

**NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER:** As we begin the new year, we want to gather together to pray for our community, our city, and the world. This night will be a combination of singing, corporate prayer, and personal reflection. We hope you can join us January 19th at 7pm at the REH Worship Space.

**STUDYING THE BIBLE CLASS:** Our Studying the Bible class is designed to help you make the most of your Bible reading. We will consider tools and techniques to give you confidence in biblical interpretation and even the development of your own Bible studies. The class will take place on Sundays Jan. 21 - Feb. 11 in the REH Worship Space in the Sanctuary at 12:30 pm on the aforementioned dates. Register today! www.reh.nyc/classes

### Ongoing Consideration

**Volunteer with a Sunday Service Team**: Help support the work of our church by serving on one of our Sunday Service Teams. We need you to help us make Sundays happen! If interested in learning more, go to <a href="https://www.reh.nyc/volunteer">www.reh.nyc/volunteer</a>.

East Harlem Youth Ministry: All middle school and high school youth are invited to check out our weekly youth ministry, EHYM, which meets on Friday nights at 6:30 pm. For more information, check out <a href="https://www.reh.nyc/youth">www.reh.nyc/youth</a>

**Community Groups**: Need to connect with a CG? They are a great way to grow in your relationship with God and others. Join one! For more information, go to <a href="https://www.reh.nyc/cg">www.reh.nyc/cg</a>.

**Giving Options**: You now have multiple ways to give. For more information about our perspective on giving and the various ways you can do so, please go to <a href="https://www.reh.nyc/give">www.reh.nyc/give</a>.

**Prayer**: Did you know the REH prayer team meets every Monday-Friday for a 15-minute prayer conference call? They want to pray for you! If you have a prayer request, you can always go to <a href="www.reh.nyc/prayer">www.reh.nyc/prayer</a>. They will be notified of your request and will bring it before the lord. You can join that call! You can go to the same webpage for the call-in details.

#### TITHES AND OFFERING: G.I.V.E.

This is our opportunity to continue our worship through our gifts. Here at REH our perspective is reflected in our G.I.V.E. teaching. As we approach our giving, are we:

- G Generous and sacrificial in our offerings
- I Intentional and prayerful in our personal giving plans
- V Voluntarily giving our first fruits, that is giving tithes first, not giving what's leftover
- E Expecting God to honor our sacrificial giving by providing our needs

We want to thank those who faithfully give their tithe and offerings, as your generosity is what makes the work of Redeemer East Harlem possible.

To give, you can go to our website: <a href="www.reh.nyc/give">www.reh.nyc/give</a>. You can also text your gift by using the number on the screen. You can also send in your gifts to our ministry hub address found on the website or in your bulletin.

Lastly, for those who desire to learn more about what we believe about obedience in our generosity, read more at <a href="https://www.reh.nyc/give">www.reh.nyc/give</a> or a printed version in the back.



### **GOD SPEAKS**

# **SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 33**

## **READER: JV Hilario**

1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. 3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. 4 For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. 6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. 7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars he puts the deep into storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.10 The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. 11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. 13 From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;

14 from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth— 15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.16 No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. 17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

18 But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, 19 to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. 20 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our

shield.21 In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. 22 May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

**SERMON:** The Grand Narrative: The Story of the Bible in the Psalms - Creation

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Pastor Justin Adour** 

### **APOSTLES CREED & COMMUNION:**

**All:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

**All:** He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen** 

#### FINAL SONG: THIS IS MY FATHERS WORLD

#### Verse 1

This is my Father's world and to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres
This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought
The rocks and trees of skies and seas. His hand the wonders wrought

#### Verse 2

This is my Father's world the birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white declare their Master's praise
This is my Father's world He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere
Verse 3

This is my Father's world O let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems off so strong God is the ruler yet

This is my Father's world The battle is not done

Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and Heaven be one

#### Chorus 1

I have a Father He is my Father He reigns in power and in love I have a Father, my glorious Father Creator Master, King my God

### **GOD SENDS**